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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF FOR SUBSAHARA AFRICA
AND CONTINENTAL ASIA (CASSINELLO) TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 28
THAT WHILE HE WAS IN ANGOLA IN CONNECTION WITH THE
RELEASE OF THE SPANISH FISHERMEN DETAINED THERE, ANGOLAN
AUTHORITIES HAD DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS (SPAIN RECOGNIZED ANGOLA BUT HAD NOT OTHERWISE
MOVED TO FORMALIZE RELATIONS). WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT
THE PROBLEM OF SUITABCGRS WAS A REAL ONE, THE
ANGOLANS HAD ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN
THE NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT SPAIN COULD BE PART OF THAT
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EXERCISE. THE ANGOLANS HAD ALSO MADE CLEAR THEIR FEELING
THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS
LAY WITH SPAIN.

2. FOR ITS PART, CASSINELLO CONTINUED, SPAIN HAD BEEN
PERFECTLY DISPOSED TO GO AHEAD, ALTHOUGH IT WAS IN NO
PARTICULAR HURRY. QUITE RECENTLY, HOWEVER, AN ANGOLAN

REPRESENTATIVE (APPARENTLY THE FOREIGN MINISTER) HAD IN
LIBERVILLE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE
CANARIAN INDEPENDENTIST MOVEMENT MPAIAC TO HAVE THE OAU
CONSIDER THE CANARIES AN AFRICAN COLONIAL MATTER. A
COUPLE OF MORE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ALONG THESE LINES:SAID
CASSINELLO, AND SPAIN WOULD HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN
PURGUING RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA.STABLER

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